

# APPENDICES

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### **Closed course**

An area of land being used for driving OHVs when access by other motor vehicles is limited

An organization can develop and run a closed course under these terms:

- It is incorporated and in good standing under the Companies Act or the Societies Act.
- It applies to the Department of Health Promotion and Protection and has its application accepted.
- It follows the guidelines for operating a closed course.

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv/ClosedCoursesGuidelines.pdf](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv/ClosedCoursesGuidelines.pdf)

### **Controlled access highways**

- Most 100-series highways are controlled access highways.
- They are usually marked with a sign that says “controlled access highway.”
- These are usually high-speed highways for through traffic that you can only get on by a ramp.
- They include divided and non-divided highways, multiple-lane and two-lane highways
- They usually do not allow slow-moving vehicles or pedestrians.
- Controlled sections may begin and end at any point.

### **Designated trails**

These are trails on public or private land that are approved by the Minister of Natural Resources for OHVs or a class of OHVs and require riders to have a designated trail permit. They are marked on Department of Natural Resources maps.

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv/designatedtrails.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv/designatedtrails.asp)

### **Ditch**

The area between the extreme outside edge of the shoulder and the boundary edge of a highway or roadway

### **Established trail**

A route or path

- that existed before April 1, 2006  
AND
- that has become a trail for OHV use through traditional use  
AND
- where permission to use it has NOT been withdrawn

**Highway**

A highway as defined in the Motor Vehicle Act except that the following are not included:

- private property that is designed to be accessible, or is accessible to the public for OHV use
- a forest access road that is the responsibility of the Department of Natural Resources
- a K-class road that is the responsibility of the Department of Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

**K-class road**

A road that is owned by the province and

- is not maintained
- is rarely used by the public

**Law Enforcement Officer or Peace Officer**

Means “peace officer” as used in the OHV Act:

- any member of the RCMP
- a police officer of the province or a municipality
- a motor vehicle inspector
- a conservation officer

**Night**

The time between when the sun sets and when it rises

**OHV or Off-highway vehicle**

These include

- snowmobiles and other snow vehicles
- ATVs or all-terrain vehicles
- off-road motorcycles
- mini bikes
- dirt bikes
- four-wheel-drive or low-tire-pressure vehicles
- dune buggies
- other vehicle or class of vehicle designated as an off-highway vehicle by regulation

These do NOT include

- vehicles registered under the Motor Vehicle Act
- any other vehicle that is exempted by the regulations

**Parent or guardian**

A person who

- is 19 or older
- is certified, as outlined in these regulations, to drive the same class of OHVs as those that are used by the children or youth the guardian is supervising
- has permission from the parent to supervise the children or youth when acting as a guardian
- ✦ This applies to a guardian ONLY while they are supervising children or youth who are driving OHVs.

**Spouse**

A person who is related to you

- by marriage
- as a common-law spouse
- as a registered domestic partner

**Valid Driver's Licence**

- as defined under the Motor Vehicle Act

“a license issued under this Act to drive a motor vehicle upon the highway. This includes Classes 1–8 (semi-trailer and tractor trailer combinations, heavy weight vehicles, buses, taxis, ambulances, passenger vehicles, motorcycles and motor-driven cycles, learner’s license, and farm tractors)”

- includes only people who are eligible to apply for a driver’s licence or whose driver’s licence has not been suspended or revoked

**Written permission**

Permission by the landowner given in one of these ways:

- a sign posted on the property on behalf of that person
- a letter, map, or other document that is signed by that person and shows the land to which the permission applies
- a document that gives general permission to use the land and is signed by that person

## Resources that are useful to OHV riders

Beaches Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/beaches.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/beaches.htm</a>
Crown Lands Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/crownlan.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/crownlan.htm</a>
Endangered Species Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/endspec.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/endspec.htm</a>
Environment Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/envromnt.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/envromnt.htm</a>
Forests Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/forests.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/forests.htm</a>
Occupiers' Liability Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/occupier.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/occupier.htm</a>
Off-highway Vehicles Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/offhighw.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/offhighw.htm</a>
Off-highway Vehicles Act Regulations	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#ohveh">www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/rxam-z.htm#ohveh</a>
Protection of Property Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/protect.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/protect.htm</a>
Provincial Parks Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/provpark.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/provpark.htm</a>
Special Places Protection Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/specplac.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/specplac.htm</a>
Summary Offence Tickets Schedule 5 (OHV Act)	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/sot-schedules/sp-5.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/just/regulations/regs/sot-schedules/sp-5.htm</a>
Wilderness Areas Protection Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/wildarea.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/wildarea.htm</a>
Wildlife Act	→ <a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/wildlife.htm">www.gov.ns.ca/legislature/legc/statutes/wildlife.htm</a>

General OHV information

Call → **1-877-OHV-LINE** or **1-877-648-5463**

Toll Free in Nova Scotia Weekdays 8:30 am–4:30 pm

Ask to speak with a law enforcement officer.

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/ohv)

## Report Violations

Call → **1-800-565-2224**

7 days a week 24 hours a day

No Ride Zones	Department	Website	Phone Number
beaches, sand dunes, barrens, provincial parks, core habitats	Natural Resources	<a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp">www.gov.ns.ca/natr/staffdir/offices.asp</a>	see local DNR office
wilderness areas, nature reserves	Environment, Protected Areas Branch	<a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protected_areas">www.gov.ns.ca/nse/protected_areas</a>	424-3600
drinking water supply areas, watercourses, and wetlands	Environment	<a href="http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse/water/surfacewater">www.gov.ns.ca/nse/water/surfacewater</a>	424-3600
protected sites	Nova Scotia Museum	<a href="http://museum.gov.ns.ca/places/special/palintro.htm">http://museum.gov.ns.ca/places/special/palintro.htm</a>	424-6475

### Access Nova Scotia Offices

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/contact/service\\_locations.asp?service=Access](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/contact/service_locations.asp?service=Access)

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## Environment offices

for information on wilderness areas, nature reserves, wetlands, watercourses, environmental education, environmental monitoring and compliance

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/nse](http://www.gov.ns.ca/nse)

<b>Amherst</b>	Call → <b>667-6205</b>
<b>Antigonish</b>	Call → <b>863-7401</b>
<b>Bedford</b>	Call → <b>424-2573</b> or <b>424-3011</b>
<b>Bridgewater</b>	Call → <b>543-4685</b>
<b>Halifax</b>	Call → <b>424-2123</b>
<b>Kentville</b>	Call → <b>679-6086</b>
<b>Middleton</b>	Call → <b>825-2123</b>
<b>New Glasgow</b>	Call → <b>396-4194</b>
<b>Port Hawkesbury</b>	Call → <b>625-0791</b>
<b>Sydney</b>	Call → <b>563-2100</b> or <b>563-2500</b>
<b>Truro</b>	Call → <b>893-5880</b>
<b>Yarmouth</b>	Call → <b>742-8985</b>

### Health Promotion and Protection offices

for services in consulting, training, grant administration, and information on physical activity, sport, and recreation

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/physicalactivity/index.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/hpp/physicalactivity/index.asp)

<b>Antigonish</b>	Serving Counties of Guysborough, Antigonish, and Pictou	Call → <b>863-7380</b>
<b>Bible Hill</b>	Serving Counties of Cumberland and Colchester, and the Municipality of East Hants	Call → <b>893-6215</b>
<b>Bridgewater</b>	Serving Counties of Yarmouth, Shelburne, Queens, and Lunenburg	Call → <b>543-5000</b>
<b>Halifax</b>	Serving the County of Halifax	Call → <b>424-7622</b>
<b>Kentville</b>	Serving Municipalities of West Hants and Clare, and Counties of Annapolis, Kings, and Digby	Call → <b>679-4390</b>
<b>Sydney</b>	Serving Cape Breton Island	Call → <b>563-2380</b>

### Museums

for information on protected sites in the province

Call → **424-6475**

Click → <http://museum.gov.ns.ca/places/special/palintro.htm>



## Natural Resources offices

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/natr](http://www.gov.ns.ca/natr)

<b>Antigonish</b>	Call → <b>863-4513</b>
<b>Baddeck</b>	Call → <b>295-2554</b>
<b>Belmont</b>	Call → <b>662-3030</b>
<b>Bible Hill</b>	Call → <b>893-5620</b>
<b>Bridgewater</b>	Call → <b>543-8167</b>
<b>Coxheath</b>	Call → <b>563-3370</b>
<b>Digby</b>	Call → <b>245-2164</b>
<b>Guysborough</b>	Call → <b>533-3503</b>
<b>Kentville</b>	Call → <b>679-6097</b>
<b>Lawrencetown</b>	Call → <b>584-2229</b>
<b>McLellan's Brook</b>	Call → <b>922-4020</b> or <b>922-4015</b>
<b>Middle Musquodoboit</b>	Call → <b>384-2290</b>
<b>Milton</b>	Call → <b>354-3462</b>
<b>Musquodoboit Harbour</b>	Call → <b>889-2332</b>

<b>Oxford</b>	Call → <b>447-2115</b>
<b>Parrsboro</b>	Call → <b>254-3241</b>
<b>Sheet Harbour</b>	Call → <b>885-2377</b>
<b>Shelburne</b>	Call → <b>875-2501</b> or <b>875-3586</b>
<b>Shubenacadie</b>	Call → <b>758-3437</b>
<b>St. Peter's</b>	Call → <b>535-2032</b> or <b>535-2963</b>
<b>Stillwater</b>	Call → <b>522-2024</b>
<b>Tusket (Yarmouth)</b>	Call → <b>648-3540</b>
<b>Waverly</b>	Call → <b>861-2560</b>
<b>Whycocomagh</b>	Call → <b>756-2339</b> or <b>756-2298</b> or <b>756-3159</b>
<b>Windsor</b>	Call → <b>798-2016</b> or <b>798-2796</b>

## Nova Scotia Atlas

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/maps/default.asp](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/maps/default.asp)

Visit your local bookstore

Visit the Nova Scotia Land Registry Office

### Nova Scotia Land Registry

For maps, geographic info, personal property information, and the property online program,  
Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/property](http://www.gov.ns.ca/snsmr/property)

#### **Annapolis County**

Call → **584-7185**

Write → PO Box 39, Lawrencetown, NS, B0S 1M0

#### **Cape Breton County**, Map Library Services - Eastern Region

Call → **563-0503**

Visit or write → 500 George Place, Sydney, NS, B1P 1K6

#### **Cumberland County**

Call → **667-7231**

Visit or write → 160 Willow Street, Amherst, NS, B4H 3W5

#### **Halifax County**

Call → **424-8571**

Visit or write → 5151 Terminal Road, 2nd Floor, PO Box 2205, Halifax, NS, B3J 3C4

#### **Lunenburg County**

Call → **543-5095**

Visit or write → 270 Logan Road, PO Box 277, Bridgewater, NS, B4V 2W9

#### **Pictou County**

Call → **485-4223**

Visit or write → 69 Water Street, Pictou, NS, B0K 1H0

### Transportation and Infrastructure Renewal

where you can find information on motor vehicles and highways in the province.

**Halifax** Call → **424-2297**

Click → [www.gov.ns.ca/tran](http://www.gov.ns.ca/tran)

### Nova Scotia Trails Federation

Click → [www.novascotiatrails.com](http://www.novascotiatrails.com)

Call → (902) 425-5450 x325

### Trails Nova Scotia

Click → [www.trails.gov.ns.ca](http://www.trails.gov.ns.ca)

Call → (902) 424-7589



### All Terrain Vehicle Association of Nova Scotia

Click → [www.atvans.org](http://www.atvans.org)

Call → 1-877-288-4244



### Snowmobilers Association of Nova Scotia

Click → [www.snowmobilersns.com](http://www.snowmobilersns.com)

Call → 902-425-5450 ext.324



### Nova Scotia Off Road Riders Association

Click → [www.offroadriders.ca](http://www.offroadriders.ca)

## TOP 10 OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE OFFENCES IN 2007

OFFENCE	FINE	Fines are subject to service charges.
<b>Driving an OHV on a highway, shoulder, or median</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV without a valid registration permit</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV in a protected area:</b> watercourse, wetland, swamp, marsh, sand dune, beach, wilderness area, provincial park, park reserve, coastal or highland barren		1st offence = \$500.00
		2nd offence = \$750.00
		3rd and other offences = \$2000.00
<b>Not wearing an approved helmet</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV without insurance</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV without a plate</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV under age 16 in a way that is not allowed by the OHV Act or allowing someone else do to so</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Driving an OHV on private land without written permission from the owner or person who lives there</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00
<b>Not stopping when asked to do so by a law enforcement officer</b>		1st offence = \$500.00
		2nd offence = \$750.00
		3rd and other offences = \$2000.00
<b>Driving an OHV in a careless way</b>		1st offence = \$250.00
		2nd offence = \$500.00
		3rd and other offences = \$750.00